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1. LATEST (JAN. 24) ISSUE WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE TEMPO DESCRIBED B.M. DIAH-ADAM MALIK DISPUTE OVER FOREIGN POLICY IN FAIRLY CAUTIOUS TERMS. TEMPO DID MAKE POINT, HOWEVER, THAT DIAH ATTACK ON GOI POLICY WAS NOT LEVELED JUST AT MALIK BUT AT ENTIRE RANGE OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES. ARTICLE ALSO NOTED THAT MANY INDONESIAN YOUTHS REFUSED TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE BECAUSE THEY FEAR IT MAY BE A "TRAP" LIKE THE EVENTS OF JANUARY 1974 WHEN THOSE WHO SPOKE OUT LOUDEST WERE ARRESTED AND NEWSPAPERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY WERE CLOSED.

TEMPO SAID YOUTHS THEREFORE REMAIN SILENT AND SKEPTICAL.
TEMPO ARTICLE CLOSED WITH QUOTE FROM PRESIDENT SUHARTO
THAT ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN AID AND COOPERATION DOES NOT
MEAN INDONESIA HAS LOST ITS INDEPENDENCE.

2. COMMENT: GENERAL RELUCTANCE OF INDONESIANS TO
COMMENT ON DIAH-MALIK DISPUTE NOTED BY OFFICERS OF MANY
LOCAL EMBASSIES. OLDER GENERATION APPEARS TO SHARE
APPREHENSION OF THEIR JUNIORS ABOUT SPEAKING OUT ON
THIS ISSUE BEFORE DUST HAS SETTLED.
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